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The amendment to the abstract filed 12 December 2006 is non-compliant insofar as no instructions were presented to cancel the previous abstract.

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Dear Examiner Elkins, in response to Office Action mailed February 25, 2008, applicant requests cancellation of the abstract prior to the amendment to the abstract filed December 12, 2006.

Sincerely,

Applicant, 10/618,124

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